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Matzen

1. On 1 April 1950 the 10 oil wells now in production at Matzen produced an all-time high of 1,800 tons of crude oil in one 24-hour period. SMV officials are enthusiastic about this record output and consequently are pushing drilling operations at 12 new wells in the Matzen field.
2. Concrete foundations for drill rigs have been laid at several sites in the Matzen area. As soon as the concrete has set, four drill rigs, which are now being held at the Matzen railroad station, will be put into operation on these foundations. All of the drill rigs at Matzen are an American type of chain-driven rotary rig which were manufactured in Germany. It is rumored that the Soviets dismantled and shipped these rigs out of Austria to an unidentified storage point some time during 1945.
3. A total of 12 six-cylinder, 100 horsepower, Skoda Diesel motors have been delivered to Matzen since January 1950. But, according to SMV drilling crews these motors do not have sufficient power to drive drillings beyond a depth of 1,000 meters.
4. It is also rumored that large quantities of seamless pipe, which have been delivered to Matzen from Czechoslovakia, have burst when subjected to a maximum of 80 atmospheres pressure.**

Aderklaa

5. Aderklaa well No. 1, the only oil well now in production at this field, suddenly stopped erupting on 6 April 1950; this well is now being pumped. Oil experts attribute the high gasoline output of this well to the presence of gas pressures which compress natural gas into liquid gasoline. They have two explanations for this development: either these pressures have decreased as they usually do after a well has been in production for several months or this well has stopped erupting because the Soviets have been using too large a beam to obtain a maximum output from this well.

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6. Two natural gas wells are still producing at Aderklaa and SMV technicians expect that two new oil wells, which they have been drilling for some time, will be brought into production shortly.*** It is possible that these wells will also have to be pumped.
7. The SMV has three drill rigs operating at Ollersdorf east of Aderklaa. One of these rigs is owned by Gewerkschaft "Raky-Danubia", another by the Matzen drilling section and the third by an unidentified Austrian firm.

Wolkersdorf

8. SMV oil field crews have started work on the concrete foundations of a drilling platform at a site just outside Wolkersdorf on Brunnerstrasse about 22 kilometers distance from Vienna.

* [] Comment: When a well is brought into production the SMV transfers the drill rig to one of these concrete platforms and starts drilling a new well.

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